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SECTION NEWSLETTER

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CHAIR'S LETTER

What a tremendous Ninth Annual International Law Weekend we just enjoyed in San Francisco! Without any exaggeration, I can truthfully say it is probably the best overall program our Section has ever put on. Not only did we have a great program packed full of outstanding speakers and informative presentations, but the number of persons who attended from around the state, the country and the world - not to mention their legal caliber - easily exceeded our most optimistic predictions.

In particular, sincere appreciation should be extended to our esteemed colleagues in the Section of International Law & Practice of the American Bar Association. Without their joint cooperation the program would certainly not have come to pass, and we look forward to many future joint programs with the ABA. Of course, special thanks goes to our two Co-Chairs for the International Law Weekend, Rob Coxa and Steve Smith, who really did a magnificent job and put in countless hours of service towards making the program such a success.

If you were unable to attend - too bad! But do not despair - we have numerous great programs in the works for 1997-98, including our Tenth Annual International Law Weekend for next summer - that one to be held in conjunction with both LAWASIA and the visiting foreign attorneys with the University of California's Orientation in USA Law Program. The opportunity for you to participate and benefit from being, an active member of our Section has never been better, and will certainly continue to improve in the coming year.

With that as an intro, it is now my pleasure to announce the Section's slate of incoming Officers for 1997-98. Commencing with the State Bar's Annual Meeting in September, I will step down from my current post and David Hirson will then become the Section's new Chair. To those of you who have been active in our Section, David is a well known figure. He has been in charge of all of our educational programs this past year as my Vice Chair, and previously Co-Chaired our International Law Weekend in 1996. David is a tireless and diligent worker, and will be ably assisted by our other incoming Officers whose names should also be familiar to you: Vice Chair - Michael Tyler; Treasurer Beth Greenwood; and Secretary John McDermott.

We are also pleased to welcome six new Members and six new Advisors to our Section's Executive Committee. Our new Members are:

Majda Barazzutti - She is an Italian attorney practicing in San Francisco with Heller, Ehrman White & McAuliffe and specializing in Pacific Rim corporate transactions.

Tom Bennett - He is an in-house counsel for Bank of America in San Francisco, and is the primary attorney for BofA's international private banking units.

Lowell Brown - He is an in-house attorney in Los Angeles for the Northrop Grumman Corporation, and is a well known authority on foreign corrupt practices laws and other international corporate topics.

John McNeece - He is a partner in the San Diego office of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, and heads up his firm's Mexico practice group.

Fred Rodriguez - He is a partner in Stein & Lubin, LLP in San Francisco, speaks Spanish fluently, and handles a variety of international transactional and corporate matters.

Members of the Executive Committee generally serve for a three year term, and the following individuals continue to serve as highly active and valued Committee Members: Benjamin Grant Barnes, Debra A. Belanger, Robert E. Cox, Linnet C. Harlan, Keith E. Pershall, Minda R. Schecter, and Steven L. Smith.

Along with the wealth and diversity of talent added by the above group, we are also delighted to welcome the following new Advisors on board:

Bruce Boyd - He is a partner in the San Jose office of Coudert Brothers whose practice focus is on doing business with India.

Roy Geiger - He is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Irell & Manella and brings a broad background of real estate and corporate experience to our Committee.

Lisa Mammel - She is an associate at Cooley Godward in Palo Alto and, although young in terms of legal experience, has significant political and diplomatic experience in many third world areas, especially in Africa.

Sa'id Mosteshar - He is an expert in international space and satellite law and practices with his own firm in San Diego.

Dana Stanculescu - She practices with the firm of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough in San Francisco, and specializes in international telecommunications.

John Walton - He is a principal in his own firm in Los Angeles, is fluent in Japanese, and practices international and domestic business litigation.

As a final note, I would be remiss if I did not express my personal gratitude to all of the Members, Advisors and Advisors Emeritus who have volunteered so much time and service, to all of you who have enhanced the Section's reputation with your many accomplishments in the international arena, and to my dear wife who has always supported me in all of my 11 extra-curricular" activities with the Executive Committee. I look forward to seeing you at our future Section events. Best regards.

Jeff Shields

Shields Law Offices



GREETINGS FROM NEW SECTION CHAIR

am both honored and delighted to have been selected as the Chair of the International Law Section for the 1997/8 year. I look forward to the challenge of the coming year and following the excellent example set by our past Chairs.

It is my pleasure to thank our outgoing Chair, Jeff Shields, for a superb job, tirelessly executed. As the Vice-Chair, I was ultimately responsible for all programs for our section, and drew on Jeff's experience and help continuously through his term of office. He was readily available to me to discuss Section matters. He would patiently analyze each issue and make level-headed decisions, always with the best interest of our Section in mind. He recently broke away from a large law firm to open as a solo practitioner. During this transition, even when his telephone numbers disappeared into some black hole, he managed to maintain communication with me. On behalf of the membership of the International Law Section, thank you for your sustained efforts, Jeff.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our Section activities, and in particular in the Education Programs. Many of you sacrificed valuable time and energy to achieve exceptional results, placing our Section in the forefront of Bar activities.

I look forward to working with the members of the Executive Committee, and especially with the incoming officers, Michael R. Tyler, Vice-Chair, Beth Greenwood, Treasurer, and Professor John T. (Jack) McDermott, Secretary. The Executive Committee members, Advisors, and Advisors Emeritus are an extremely talented and experienced group of individuals. With their combined input and effort, we can expect an exciting and successful year for the International Law Section.

David Hirson

Hirson Wexler Perl & Stark



IMMIGRTION LAW UPDATE -- AUGUST 1997

David Hirson, Esq. & Catherine L. Mayou Hirson Wexler Perl & Stark Irvine, Los Angeles & San Diego

THE BAR TO ADMISSIBILITY AND THE FLICKERING RAY OF HOPE AS 245 (I) PREPARES TO SUNSET

The Bars to Admissibility and the flickering ray of hope as section 245(i) prepares to sunset Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (INA), deals with the adjustment of status of a nonimmigrant to that of a person admitted for permanent residence.

In the normal course of events a person who is lawfully present in the United States and who intends to become a lawful permanent resident may apply to the Attorney General for adjustment of status, provided that he or she is eligible to receive an immigrant visa as of the date of filing the application. By using this mechanism, intending immigrants are able to adjust their status without leaving the United States, thus keeping the disruption in their daily lives and to their employers to a minimum.

The importance of the addition in 1994 of subsection 245(i) to the INA is highlighted by the fact that a large number of people who intend to apply for permanent residence and who are otherwise eligible to do so, but who, for various reasons fall foul of the restrictive provisions of subsections 245(a) and (c), and who are thus effectively barred from applying for adjustment, are able to rely on the benevolent provisions of subsection 245(i) and thereby resist the inconvenience, and soon-to-be fatal, option of consular processing in their countries of origin. Subsection 245(i) expressly overrides the provisions of subsections 245(a) and (c) in that it states that an alien who is physically present in the U.S. but who entered without inspection, or is within the class of persons described in subsection 245(c), may nevertheless apply to the Attorney General for the adjustment of his or her status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence. All that is required of the alien is that he or she pays a fine of \$1000.00 to the Attorney General?s office upon making the application.

It is, however, important to note that section 245(i) does not alter or waive any substantive requirements for immigrating, it simply allows some people to adjust status in the United States instead of having to go the consular processing route.

Section 245(i) is due to expire on September 30, 1997 thus placing a lot of pressure on affected people to adjust in a very short period of time which is very often just not possible.

At the time of writing this article, the Senate Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Committee has approved the Fiscal Year 1998 appropriations bill, S. 1022, which contains a provision that permanently extends section 245(i). The companion House appropriations bill, however, does not include such a provision. After the summer recess the differences in the two bills will be resolved in conference.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the success or failure of the attempt to permanently extend section 245(i), is the way that it will impact on the new bars to admissibility introduced by section 212 (a)(9)(B)(i)(1) and (11).

The cumulative effect of these provisions is that If any alien was unlawfully present in the United States on April 1,1997 and continues to be unlawfully present on September 27, 1997 (180 days later) or April 1, 1998 (a year later) and then voluntarily departs from the United States, he or she will not be readmitted to the United States for 3 and 10 years respectively. These bars have a potentially devastating effect on an intending immigrant who has all the elements in place for applying for permanent residence in the United States, but for the requirement of lawful presence.

It is unclear at this time whether counsel should advise clients to leave the U.S. before September 27, 1997 in case section 245(i) is not extended. Cases filed under section 245(i) on or before September 30, 1997 will be protected under this provision.

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Aspects of Immigration in Post-July I Hong Kong

On July 1, 1997 Hong Kong reverted back to Chinese Sovereignty and is now known as the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The HKSAR will remain a separate foreign state chargeability area for the allocation of immigrant visas under section 202 of the INA.

Most visa procedures will not be changing with this change in sovereignty, however, some new travel documents will be coming into use. The following travel documents are all passports and will be carried by permanent residents of the HKSAR and are valid for visa issuing purposes:

- 1) The HKSAR Passport which is available to persons with the right to abode in Hong Kong and who are ethnically Chinese;
- 2) The British National (overseas) Passport is issued to persons with the right of abode in Hong Kong and Whom the British authorities consider to be British Nationals, but who lack the right of abode in the United Kingdom;
- 3) The Hong Kong certificate of Identity which is issued to persons with the right of abode in Hong Kong but who were not born there. b These visas will not be reissued or c renewed but will be valid through c their original ten year validity;
- 4) The Hong Kong document of Identity is available to persons legally residing in Hong Kong for less than the seven years necessary to acquire the full right of abode and who cannot obtain a national passport.

The British Dependent Territories Citizen passport is no longer accepted for visa issuing purposes. Permanent residents of Canada who are of Hong Kong origin and who carry travel documentation that identifies them as British Nationals will continue to be able to enter the United States without a nonimmigrant visa, however, Canadian permanent residents carrying the HKSAR passport, Hong Kong Certificate of Identity or document of Identity will not benefit from the visa-free entry provided for in 22 CFR 41.2(b).

H -IB Visa cap to be reached

The H -I B petition for a nonimmigrant work visa annual cap of 65,000 is expected to be reached in the week of August I 1, 1997. According to the INS, this cap only affects new petitions or change of status and does not impact on extensions of H -I B status or changes in employers in the same fiscal year. H-IB visa issuance will be delayed to October 1,1997, the beginning of the federal government fiscal year, when the next annual allocation of 65,000 visa's begins.

The New Affidavit of Support

Affidavits of Support have often been required in immigrant visa cases in order to avoid a public charge issue.

Family-based immigrant petitions are required by law to be accompanied by Affidavits of Support, unless the beneficiary falls in a narrow category of persons. Certain employment-based immigrant petitions also have such a requirement.

The new Affidavit of Support will come into effect 60 days after its publication in the Federal Register. In the meantime, the Department of State has advised posts and the public not to use earlier drafts of the new affidavit, but that visas will continue to be processed under the existing Form 1-134 Affidavit Of Support until further notice.

For further information, contact David Hirson at (714) 251-8844, e-mail: immigration law@msn.com, or fax (714) 251-1545



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Glenn Price Los Angeles

The series featuring a different area of international practice each issue continues with a look at legal issues associated with human rights and humanitarian law.

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW ON THE INTERNET

Human rights groups and advocates have made extensive and effective use of the internet in pursuit of their programs and goals. There is information and resources on every humanitarian initiative from cause celebs like Chinese repression in Tibet to less known venues such as Sri Lanka. Although this information can be very useful to practitioners who are involved in human rights activities, it can be difficult to find internet sites with documents and research materials specifically focused on legal developments and court cases. In fact, one is often left with the unenviable task of sifting through the general sites of groups such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch to find the occasional reference to court decisions or draft laws which impact particular programs these groups are involved with. The foregoing is not to say that the internet cannot be a valuable legal research tool in the human rights area, but is simply a warning that you may find it more difficult to quickly focus on your topic than with other areas of the law. That said, the sites listed below offer an excellent starting point for human rights research on the web.

The Human Rights Library

The University of Minnesota has put together as good a collection of public and private international and domestic law resources regarding human rights as you will find on the web. This collection is well organized, comprehensive, and easy to use, with links to primary sources such as the United Nations.

The Karen Parker Home Page for Humanitarian Law

Although we do not usually feature the sites of individual attorneys, this particular site has valuable practitioner oriented materials such as briefs and court decisions in several areas of human rights and humanitarian law.

European Court of Human Rights

For those interested in jurisprudence in this area, the ECHR site provides information on pending cases, proceedings, and judgments of the Court and the court rules and basic law used for the Court's decisions.

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

This site sponsored by the Washington College of Law is fairly thin, however, it provides online access to the Human Rights Brief published by the Center, which contains articles and updates which are useful and informative.

U.S. Dept. of State - Human Rights Country Reports

Online access to reports on the status of human rights in various countries around the world.

Oneworld Online Magazine

Well presented online magazine providing news and updates in all areas of human rights.

Lawyers without Borders -

Organization based in Belgium dedicated to providing legal defense to individuals in who have no access to representation. Group is currently engaged in providing representation for the 70,000 individuals awaiting trial for genocide in Rwanda.

Hatewatch

Internet-based organization dedicated to monitoring hate crimes and hate speech on the internet.

HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ONLINE:

Amnesty International
Human Rights Watch
Human Rights Internet

American Association for the Advancement of Science Human Rights Program

Yahoo Directory of Human Rights on the Internet



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Editor: Glen W. Price

SPOTLIGHT

t is predicted that in the early years of the next decade, Big Six accounting firms will take their place as the largest law firms in the world. The dominance of the consulting arms of these firms in offering transnational professional services has become a major concern of lawyers and bar associations around the world. Although there are prohibitions against the sharing of fees between professionals in many jurisdictions, the Big Six firms have been able to evade such prohibitions in transnational practice and through increasingly strained interpretations of what it means to practice law. Bar Associations are concerned that such integration may lead to a lack of independence and effective representation for clients, not to mention leaving law firms at a competitive disadvantage, however, they may be fighting an uphill battle in a global economy where the efficiency of offering clients one source for comprehensive professional services will eventually prevail.

Battles Brew Over Integration of Professional Services

In February, a court in Amsterdam upheld a ruling of the Order of Advocates excluding Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse from establishing multidisciplinary practices which employ advocates from the Netherlands. Both firms are challenging the ruling on the basis that it violates the E.U. guarantee of the free flow of services. Bar Associations around the world are watching the case nervously as the Big Six accounting firms continue to expand their use of lawyers as part of their consulting groups. Concern over the interpretation of the free flow of services in the E.U. is a precursor to how the issue will play out at the WTO. When the WTO finishes its current work on international accounting standards for the trade in services, it is expected to turn to the legal profession. This has led to speculation that laws restricting participation in legal practice may be deemed restraints on the trade in services in the future.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

U.N. Talks to Limit Greenhouse Gases Stall

The European Union and environmental groups blamed the United States and Japan for the failure of negotiations to expand the global warming treaty entered into at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janiero. The U.S., Japan, and Australia resisted attempts by the E.U. to set specific targets for the year 2005. President Clinton and U.S. industry groups have claimed that such targets are unrealistic and would slow growth unnecessarily.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

India's Patent Protection Held Insufficient

A WTO dispute-resolution panel acting on complaints from the United States and the European Union ruled

that India failed to provide adequate protection for patents covering pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products. Although India was granted a ten-year transitional period to grant full protection in the 1995 WTO Agreement, it did agree to immediately provide a procedure whereby patent applications could be filed. The panel found that India had failed to set up a procedure that adequately preserved novelty and priority for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical patent applications.

U.S. Settles Dispute on Textile Labeling

In talks following the filing of a complaint by the European Union against the United States at the WTO, the U.S. agreed to suspend the applicability of new textile labeling rules to silk products manufactured in the E.U. The substance of the complaint was a U.S. rule that the label on a textile product must identify the nation where the fabric was woven. The rule was targeted at clothing coming from China, however, it ended up hitting European exports of luxury silk items such as scarves and neck-ties. The Italian textile federation led the campaign against the U.S. law as it would have required designer neckties from Italy to carry the label "made in China", despite the fact that only the raw silk had its origin in China.

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW ASIA

Pakistan Passes Strict Anti-Terrorism Law

In the wake of terrorist attacks and sectarian violence that has killed hundreds in 1997, the Parliament of Pakistan passed a strict new anti-terrorism law which gives the government sweeping power to deal with terrorist or suspected terrorist activity. The law allows the government to set up special fast track courts which impose a deadline of fourteen days from the time of arrest to passing of judgment and allows security forces to search the premises of suspected terrorists and seize anything that might be used in a terrorist act without a warrant. Furthermore, security forces are empowered to shoot anyone on sight who is in the act or suspected of being in the act of committing a terrorist offense. The death penalty has been imposed for anyone committing a terrorist act which results in the death of another individual. Political opposition groups have denounced the law as a tool of oppression for the majority party, however, the government has defended the law as necessary to stop the spread of ethnic and religious violence.

Hong Kong Government Announces New Election Law

The new election law unveiled for Hong Kong by the Chinese backed Hong Kong government has disenfranchised the 2.7 million Hong Kong residents who were allowed to vote directly in the last election in favor of an indirect system whereby institutional groups and constituencies shall cast 200,000 ballots for the legislative council. A government spokesman stated that this should be viewed as a transient arrangement with a focus towards direct elections in the future. Pro-democracy groups which lost their seats on the legislative council after the handover of Hong Kong in July denounced the new law as effectively giving dominance to the rich and powerful and to pro-Communist groups.

Financial Bail-out for Thailand

The IMF and the World Bank have joined with a number of Asian nations to participate in a 16 billion dollar bail-out of Thailand's financial system. The rescue package is intended to stop the fall of the Thai baht, which has dropped 20% in value since July after being allowed to float against the U.S. dollar. For the first time, China will participate along with Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Indonesia, in putting together support for the aid package.

EUROPE

European High Court Rules in Favor of Spanish Fisherman

The European Court of Justice ruled that Spanish fisher-man were entitled to damages for the United Kingdom's violation of European Union law when it set up a legal registration scheme designed to eliminate Spanish fishing boats from "quota hopping", a practice whereby they acquired a right to take part of the British National Quota for fish. The ECJ rules against the British registration scheme in 1992, but a subsequent case was brought for damages against the British government. The case is the first test of a decision by the ECJ last

year stating that damages may be brought for a violation of E.U. law if the breach was "sufficiently serious" and there was a direct causal link between the breach and the damage complained of. 'Me ECJ found that this standard was met and has allowed the Spanish fisherman to recover damages if they can be proven. The ECJ refused to impose exemplary damages on the British government because it failed to find that the government had acted in bad faith or in a willfully arbitrary manner.

LATIN AMERICA

Drug Confiscation Law Upheld in Columbia

The Supreme Court of Columbia upheld a law which allows the government to confiscate cash and property which can be traced to drug activity. The law, enacted in December, 1996, by President Ernesto Samper, is expected to be an effective tool for attacking the activities of drug traffickers in Columbia. Since the law went into effect, over 300 properties in the Medellin and Cali centers of drug activity have been seized and there is a potential that billions of dollars in drug proceeds could be confiscated, making it more difficult for the traffickers to do business in Columbia.

Telecommunications Reform in Ecuador

The Congress of Ecuador passed legislation approving the privatization of a 35% stake in the state owned telecommunications company, Emetel, which is scheduled to be auctioned off in October. Ecuador will retain a majority stake of 52.5% in the company and will sell the other 12.5,7c, to workers at the company.

NORTH AMERICA

FCC Takes Unilateral Action to Lower International Rates

The Federal Communications Commission adopted a plan in August that will unilaterally lower the settlement rates that U.S. carriers must pay to foreign telephone companies to a scheduled amount that reflects market costs. The FCC action pre-empts negotiations taking place at the International Telecommunications Union, which has been attempting to reform the settlement system. The FCC stated that the ITU talks were not progressing and that U.S. consumers were paying a subsidy of \$5.4 billion to foreign telephone companies as a result of settlement rates which were far in excess of the cost of connecting a call. The FCC plan would drastically cut the settlement rates which U.S. carriers are allowed to pay and has created a schedule of rates and deadlines based on a multi-tiered system where states are classified based on their level of development. Foreign carriers have signaled their strong opposition to the legality of the FCC action, however, the FCC has indicated that it will be willing to rescind the plan if an international agreement can be reached.

U.S. Tightens Restrictions Under Law on Trade with Iran.

The U.S. announced that it will now penalize any foreign company which spends more than \$20 million in development of oil and gas resources in Iran pursuant to the Iran Libya Sanctions Act. That amount is down from the initial threshold of \$40 million under the Act under a provision requiring a lower threshold if the law was not successful in forcing foreign companies to stop doing business with Iran. The administration has not invoked any sanctions on foreign companies under the Act and recently approved a Turkish pipeline for natural gas which will pass through Iran. Members of Congress have threatened to revise the Act if the administration allows other pipelines to be routed through Iranian territory.

U.S. Lifts Embargo on Tuna

President Clinton signed legislation which lifts a ban on tuna caught in the Eastern Pacific. The ban was instituted in 1990 to stop the use of nets which catch dolphins along with the tuna. Clinton cited progress by international fishing fleets in reducing the number of dolphins which are killed and stated that the ban would not be re-imposed as long as those fleets continued to cooperate with international efforts to protect dolphins.



HELP WANTED: STUDENT REPORTERS

Join our editorial team for the 1997-98 school year! For the past two years, this feature on News from Around the World has been the work of various California students that have an interest in international law.

Working on this feature provides students with a great opportunity to stay on top of current developments in international law, to hone research and writing skills, and to be a recognized contributor to a quality State Bar publication.

Student reporters will be in their second or third year of law school and will have taken (or be taking) either public international law or international commercial law, or similar courses. These non-paid positions require superior research and writing skills and a firm commitment to meeting the Newsletter's quarterly deadlines.

If you are interested, please send a resume and two short writing samples to: Debra Belanger, Editor, International Law Section Newsletter, 11901 Santa Monica Blvd., #532, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Fax: 310-820-1761.



SECTION ACTIVITIES

NINTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

The International Law Sections Ninth Annual International Law Weekend drew a record crowd of over 240 enthusiastic attendees and got rave reviews. The event was held in cooperation with the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, and took place on August 1-2, 1997, at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco.

The Weekend was staged the same time that the ABA was having its annual meeting in San Francisco, and drew attendees from across the country and from around the world. Registrants of the State Bar's International Law Weekend were able to attend the ABA!s International Law programs at no charge, and vice-versa.

This year's theme, Silicon Rim: Information Technology in the Asia-Pacific Region, focused on a wide array of topics. Leading experts from high-tech corporate environments from around the globe and top U.S. government officials presented cutting-edge information and explored a myriad of legal issues in the area of technology. The program offered something for the entire, audience, from novice to expert, as well as up to 10.25 hours of MCLE credit.

Friday's Keynote Luncheon featured Lee Sands, former United States Trade Representative for Japan and China, currently with a partner with Mayer, Brown & Platt. Mr. Sands gave a seasoned and provocative view of the challenges and opportunities in information technology trade with China. In addition to a great speaker, the Westin's beautiful Colonial Room provided a charming and elegant atmosphere for dining and socializing. Friday evening's Reception offered the greatest opportunity for socializing, and captured the international flavor of the weekend. The air was filled with the sound of languages from around the world.

The International Law Section thanks our co-sponsors, The American Society of International Law; American Corporate Counsel Association (SFO and SD chapters), American Electronics Association, and especially, University of California, Davis, for its continued commitment as a co-sponsor and for making the Weekend a part of its "Orientation in USA Law Program" for advanced degree law students and judges from around the world. We are also grateful for the generous contributions from Baker & McKenzie, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, McCutcheon, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, O'Melveny & Meyers, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, Coopers & Lybrand, Hirson Wexler Perl & Stark, and Stein & Lubin.

Hats off to this year's Program Co-Chairs, Rob Cox of McCutcheon, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, LLP and Steven L. Smith, O'Melveny & Meyers LLP, for a job well done!



OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE & INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 1997 FALL MEETING

November 12 -15, 1997

The 1997 Fall Meeting will be held at the Doral Golf Resort in Miami, Florida, and will focus on "The Transformation of the Americas: Trade, Technology, and Transnational Practice." For further information: Tel: 202/662-1660; http://doi.org/intlaw

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION / ILEX DELEGATION AND BRIEFING TRIP TO INDIA

October 26-November 1, 1997

The ABA Section of International Law and Practice is sponsoring a Delegation and briefing trip to India this year to explore the economic and financial framework for doing business in the new India. In Delhi, the Delegation will receive a briefing by the U.S. Embassy and visit various Indian government agencies. Other programs have been scheduled with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S.-India Business Council. In Bombay, the Delegation will focus on financial issues with visits to the Reserve Bank of India and the Securities Exchange Board and Stock Exchange.

For information, please contact Edison W. Dick, Chair, ABA International Legal Exchange Committee, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 620, Washington, D.C. 20006; Fax; (202) 347-9015; e-mail; dickilex @erols.com.

UNITED STATES-MEXICO LAW INSTITUTE, INC. SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 26-27, 1997

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Advanced Program Covering: The 1995 Reform of the Mexican Judiciary; Use of the Amparo Process in Commercial Matters; Regulation of White Collar Crime in Mexico; Legal Practice of United States Attorneys in Mexico; Current Issues in Foreign Investment; Agricultural Disputes Between United States and Mexico.

This program is sponsored by the United States Mexico Law Institute, in cooperation with the ABA-SILP, and the University of New Mexico School of Law. For further information contact: Tel: 505/277-7825 or -0080; Fax: 505/277-0068; E-mail: conrad@LAW.UNM.EDU

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ALTERNATE RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES Monday, October 20, 1997

The International Law Sections bimonthly luncheon meeting will feature Dennis Sharp, Regional Vice-President, San Diego-Orange County Regional Offices, American Arbitration Association. The meeting will be held at the Airport Hilton, 18800 Macarthur Blvd., Irvine, California (across from John Wayne Airport), during the International Law Section's regularly scheduled luncheon meeting on October 20, 1997 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Richard Schwarzstein, Chair OCBA-ILS. Tel: 714/752-9152.

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH OFFSHORE MUTUAL FUNDS '97

October 20-22, 1997

The Institute's 4th Annual International Forum will be held at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and will provide an in-depth look at trends affecting the offshore mutual funds industry. Programs include:

- Understanding the Proposed Revision to the US Tax Code for Offshore Funds --Structuring an Offshore Fund to Accommodate Various Types of Investors
- Expanding Offshore Distribution Channels Throughout Joint Ventures
- Selecting an Appropriate Jurisdiction for Offshore Fund Administration
- Targeting Potential Investors for Offshore Funds --Developing Strategies for Allocating Assets Internationally

For further information, call (800) 999-3123 or fax (212) 661-6677.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORLD BUSINESS AGENDA FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

November 6-7, 1997

The ICC, which establishes rules that govern the conduct of trade throughout the world is sponsoring this seminar which will brine, to(,ether business experts and representatives of the public sector to determine how to go about ensuring the smooth running of electronic commerce within an international framework of rules, definitions and standards.

Discussions will focus on: Security of electronic transactions; Building consumer trust; Making a profit in the digital ace; The legal framework for electronic commerce; Paying and getting paid electronically; The future of the Internet; Participants include key business executives, innovators in electronic commerce, legal and IT experts, policy makers from government and international organizations. For further information, contact: Tel: +33 (1) 49.53.28.91; Fax: +33 (1) 49.53.29.42; Email conf@icwbo.org; or write to ICC, 38, Cours Albert 1 er, 75008 Paris, France.

INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The IABA will present the following activities during the balance of 1997:

October 22-24, 1997, El Paso, Texas, U.S.A.

The University of Texas System and the Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordinator's Office presents "The Effects of Poverty on Children's Health. A U.S.-Mexico Border Conference on Children's Health." Contact Mr. Paul Villas at tel.: (210) 381-3687 or fax: (210) 381-3688 or E-mail: TMBHCO@PANAM.EDU

November 13-16, 1997, Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

The IABA will present its Council Meeting in conjunction with a joint Seminar with the ABA:s Section of International Law and Practice on "The Transformation of the Americas: Trade, Technology, and Transnational Practice." For more information, contact the IABA at tel.: (202) 393-1217 or fax: (202) 393-1241 or E-mail: iaba@iaba.org

December 2, 1997, New York, New York, U.S.A.

The IABA will present a one day seminar on "Emerging Issues in Latin America." The first one in a series of four quarterly seminars to be presented in different cities of the United States. For more information, contact the IABA at tel.: 202) 393-1217 or fax: (202) 393-1241 or E-mail: iaba@iaba.org

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSN. FALL MEETING REGULATORY OVERVIEW CONFERENCE October 23-25, 1997

This conference, entitled "Practice Under the New Law", will be held at the Albuquerque Sheraton Old Town

Hotel in Albuquerque, NM. For more information contact the AILA National Office at (202) 371-9377.

INTERNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 1997 COURSES

Founded in 1955, the International Law Institute (ILI) is a non-profit, self-governing body serving a worldwide constituency of government officials, private business executives, and legal scholars in several ways, including: Conducting intensive practical seminars in Washington and abroad for government and private officials to enable them to deal more effectively with representatives of multinational corporations, governments, and international public or private financial institutions; Conducting the annual four-week program "Orientation in the U.S. Legal System," (already presented for 1997) to introduce foreign law students, judges, attorneys and other professionals to the American legal system; Publishing books and reports dealing with selected areas of public and private international law and foreign legal systems; Organizing conferences and symposia on the vital legal, economic, and financial issues confronting the international community.

The ILI is presenting the following two-week long intensive seminars during the balance of 1997. For further information, contact: ILI, Tel: 202-483-3036; Fax: 202-483-3029; E-mail: training@ili.org.

International Loan Negotiation and Structural Adjustment, September 2-26, 1997

This course deals with patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade-secret laws and transfer of technology. It provides review of legal regimes supporting each of these areas and concentrates on the requisite contractual and institutional mechanisms for transferring intellectual property.

Intellectual Property and Transfer of Technology, October 13-24, 1997

The seminar provides exposure to structural adjustment programs and problems and opportunities associated with loan renegotiations, examining financing documents, alternative debt reduction techniques and case studies.

Illicit Financial Transactions: Detection and Control, October 13-24, 1997

The course reviews the main characteristics and stages of illicit financial transactions with a particular emphasis on the institutional and procedural mechanisms for the reduction and control of money laundering.

THANKS, TOM

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STRESS BUSTERS II

Palm Springs March 13-15, 1998

SAVE THE DATE!! A repeat performance of the highly acclaimed Stress Busters weekend will be held on March 13-15, 1998. The chosen locale is, without question, once again The Palms resort at Palm Springs.

Mark your calendars for a weekend of fitness, fun, MCLE, and networking. It's a great way to chase away stress, to start that spring training program you vow to do every year, or maybe just pamper yourself in a healthy and serene environment.

[To see the rave reviews of the 1997 program, log on to our web site at www.calbar.org/ils.htm and look it up in the Spring 1997 Newsletter]

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